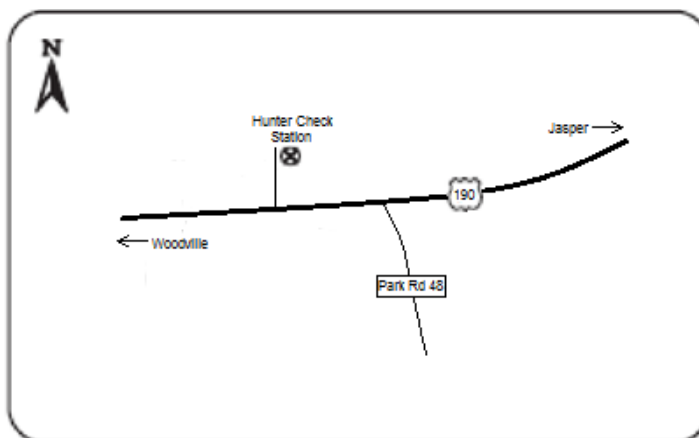




## Martin Dies Jr. State Park

Acquired under a long-term lease from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1964, Martin Dies, Jr. State Park consists of 705 acres alongside B.A. Steinhagen Reservoir. The park is named in honor of Martin Dies, Jr. who devoted much effort into improving the state park system through his many years of public service. Located on the northern edge of the Big Thicket, and south of the forks of the Angelina and Neches Rivers, this park hosts an extraordinary ecosystem with extreme biodiversity. The park is operated

from its onsite headquarters on the Henhouse Ridge unit and offers all types of outdoor recreation including camping, hiking, and fishing to name a few. For more information about the park please call (409)384-5231. Reservations may be made online or by calling (512) 389-8900.



### Reporting/Orientation

**When:** 11:00 a.m. on the first day of the hunt for sign-in and mandatory orientation. Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation. Standby hunters should report at 10:00 am to complete the application process.

**Where:** Check Station — at Walnut Ridge unit on the north side of Highway 190.

**Preparation:** Hunters should bring their valid hunting license, even though it is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag for a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt. However, a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area and a valid hunting license is required to use such a tag.

Firearms should be sighted in prior to arriving on the area. All persons afield in the hunt area must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material with 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back and orange headwear at all times when hunting. No non-permitted guests allowed, other than a non-hunting adult directly assisting youth.

**Check Station Hours:** Opens at 10:00am on the first day of the hunt and at 7:00 a.m. on the second day of the hunt. Closes each evening at 7:00 p.m.

**Facilities:** Refrigeration is NOT available; nearest commercial storage/processing is within 15 miles.

**Check In/Out:** All hunters must check in/out with Area Personnel as explained in the orientation.

**Latecomers Check In:** Hunters unable to report in time for the 10 a.m. sign-in and orientation must still report to the check station upon arrival to the Area to receive the orientation information. Those arriving after closing of the check station in the evening must report to the check station the following morning for registration and orientation prior to going to the field.

### **Hunting Conditions**

- Stands:** Stand locations are predetermined with a pop-up tent style blind. Blinds will be assigned to hunter during orientation. There will be NO chair provided, as this will be the responsibility of the hunter.
- Firearms:** Crossbows and traditional archery equipment are the only legal weapons allowed. All firearms are prohibited.
- Vehicles:** Transportation to and from the assigned hunting blinds will be provided by Area Personnel. Interior roads are minimal. Be prepared to walk short distances to and from stand if necessary.
- Terrain:** The area consists of lower lying forest with a variety of hardwood and pine species located along its many creeks and drains. The topography is near flat for this area.

**Camping Facilities:** Camping is prohibited within the hunt area but will be available at Henhouse Ridge unit which is across the Highway. Screen Shelters, Cabins, and Campsites should be reserved in advance if you plan to stay at the park.

**NOTE:** During the Special Permit Hunt periods, the Area is closed to general public access.

**Minor or Underage Hunters:** Persons UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE must be accompanied and supervised by a permitted parent or authorized adult. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.)

**Other Information:** If you have any further questions, you may call Randall Kroll with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at (409) 384-6894.

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